

printing a one- or multi- colored pattern on the carrier sheet using a digitally controlled color printer;

[(b)] configuratively printing a transparent or white-pigmented elastomer polymer layer having a high plasticizing point on top of the pattern; and

[(c)] configuratively printing a heat-activatable thermoplastic polymeric glue layer on top of the transparent or white-pigmented elastomer layer or, while the elastomer layer is still wet, sprinkling a heat-activatable hot melt granulate on said elastomer layer.

### Remarks

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for permitting the telephone interview on May 25, 2000 with Applicant's representative, James Larson. The Examiner's indication that the claims, as amended on April 13, 2000, appeared to distinguish over WO 92/07990 is gratefully noted. The Examiner also requested an amendment to claim 15 clarifying that the pattern is printed on the carrier sheet, as well as an amendment to claim 15 removing the letters "(b)" and "(c)". During the interview, the parties also discussed amendments to pages 17 and 19 to clarify that two-component toners, which are not known in the art, are not used. The Examiner's assistance is very much appreciated. The amendments and remarks contained herein address the matters discussed in the interview.

As indicated above, the specification is amended to describe the toner in the copier as a thermoplastic, rather than a two-component toner. This change is supported by the specification at page 12, lines 28-29. In addition, the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 of the specification indicates that the use of two-component toners are not known for color copiers. Instead, color copiers typically utilize one-component thermoplastic resin color toners. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

In addition, Applicant has noticed a minor error in the remarks filed in the previous response on April 13, 2000. In particular, at page 8, lines 4-5 state:

"However, in Olsen, since the extender 6 is of the same material as the color layer 5, the extender 6 has a low melting point like the layer 5."